

A RESOLUTION

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**A RESOLUTION TO ADD TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2004 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE REQUESTING A STATEWIDE BAN ON SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Clean Indoor Air Task Force was created in February of 2003 to look at the impact of Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) and the adequacy of the City of Atlanta's current ordinances dealing with tobacco smoke in public places; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clean Indoor Air Task Force did gather and review empirical data that suggest that Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) does cause cancer in research mice and in human beings, and especially children with parents who smoke have a higher incidence of lung illnesses, such as bronchitis and pneumonia and can develop asthma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated Secondhand Smoke/Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) a carcinogen in 1993 and estimates that 3,000 American nonsmokers die each year from lung cancer caused by secondhand smoke; and

**WHEREAS**, this data also has shown that cities and states with smoking bans have not suffered economic ruin as suggested by the tobacco industry because of these bans and in some cases the restaurants and bars have experienced an increase in taxable sales when compared with prior year sales; and

**WHEREAS**, research has further shown that seventy-six (76%) percent of Georgians do not smoke and would embrace smoke free public places; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clean Indoor Air Task Force did suggest that the State of Georgia follow the states of California and New York by banning smoking in public places statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens visiting and employed in public places including restaurants in the city of Atlanta and the State of Georgia would benefit tremendously from a clean indoor environment.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA** as follows that the City of Atlanta's 2004 Legislative Package include the request that the Metro Delegation (Fulton and DeKalb) support a request to have a statewide ban on smoking in public places in the State of Georgia.

**AND FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED**, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are and the same is hereby repealed.